

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 3-8, 10 and 14 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 or 2~~, characterized in that the fluid mixture has an essentially eutectic composition.

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that the second phase is removed in step (iii) by means of solvent extraction.

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that the second phase is a substance which is soluble in aqueous media.

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, characterized in that the first phase is a water-insoluble salt.

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, characterized in that the second phase is a water-soluble salt which is able to form a eutectic mixture with the first phase.

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, characterized in that the first phase comprises AgCl and the second phase comprises an alkali metal halide.

10. (Amended) Porous ion-conducting solid obtainable via a method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~.

14. (Amended) The use of a solid or an electrochemical cell as claimed in ~~any one of claims 11 to 13~~ as a sensor.